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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE WORLD AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED X WORKS ALONGSIDE THE MAVERICK HUNTERS TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN ROBOT AND HUMANKIND!



PREVIOUSLY...

In the Present...

Mega Man was on the hunt for eight rogue Robot Masters and the precious Energy Elements that they stole. His search brought him to a long-lost weapons bunker built by Dr. Wily. Inside, he found the Wily Walker – a mobile weapons platform of terrible power and seemingly unstoppable force...



In the Future...

The Wily Walker has been reactivated and marches straight for a major city. X has joined the Maverick Hunters Zero and Vile in their attempts at stopping the ancient terror. To X's relief, the super-powerful Sigma arrived to help as well.

Together as a team, X and the Hunters stand strong and brace themselves for the final fight...



CHARACTER SELECT



MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT



DR. LIGHT
CREATOR OF MEGA MAN & X
DR. WILY
REFORMED(?) MAD SCIENTIST



X
THE FIRST LIVING ROBOT



SIGMA
LEADER OF THE MAVERICK HUNTERS
ZERO
ELITE HUNTER/X'S BEST FRIEND

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BADLANDS,
YEAR: 21XX...

I DON'T GET IT.
BEFORE, IT WOULDN'T
STOP FOR ANYTHING.

WILY WALKER
ANCIENT
WEAPONS
PLATFORM

X
FIRST
TRULY
LIVING
ROBOT

SIGMA
LEADER OF THE
MAVERICK
HUNTERS

ZERO
ACE HUNTER
& X'S BEST
FRIEND

VILE
ACE HUNTER

DAWN OF X

FINALE: INHERITANCE

UNS: OFFLINE
HEM: OFFLINE
GUN: OFFLINE
LR CHEM:
GED- ONLINE
UN 1: OFFLINE
N 2: OFFLINE
N 3: ONLINE
N 4: OFFLINE
N 5: OFFLINE
N 6: ONLINE
N 7: ONLINE



>>> ANALYZING...
>>> TARGETS REGISTER AS EXTREME THREAT
>>> ARMING ALL CHEMICAL WARHEADS FOR IMMEDIATE LAUNCH...



YEAH, ABOUT THAT
--WHY IS *HE* STILL
HERE? THIS IS NO
PLACE FOR
BLEEDING-HEART
CIVILIANS!

DOES IT NEED
TO BE OFFICIAL?
FINE. HE'S HERE
BY *MY* REQUEST.



KEEP IT OFF-
BALANCE. I WILL
TARGET THE WEAK
POINTS DR. CAIN
FOUND. IF IT
UNLEASHES ITS
CHEMICAL
WEAPONS, STOP
THEM AT *ALL*
COSTS!

YES, SIR!

BRATTATATTA

BIAM!

BOOM!

HIDDEN MESA LAB.
YEAR: 20XX...

SCREEN
BOOM!

THAT'S IT...NO
MORE...I CAN'T
GO ON.

YOU CAN
--RRGH!--AND
YOU WILL!

MEGA MAN TO
DR. LIGHT--DR. WILY
--ANYBODY! WE NEED
A PLAN NOW!

PHARAOH MAN
ARCHAEOLOGIST
ROBOT

MEGA MAN
THE BLUE
BOMBER

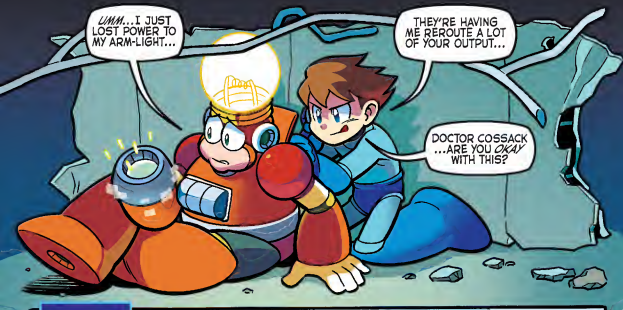
BRIGHT MAN
ILLUMINATING
ROBOT

COPY THAT, SON. WE'VE GOT
ONE FOR YOU! FIRST, WE
NEED YOU TO MODIFY BRIGHT
MAN'S COMPONENTS.

...REALLY?

BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
I'LL HOLD OFF THE
WALKER AS LONG
AS I CAN!

VWOOSH!



UHM... I JUST
LOST POWER TO
MY ARM-LIGHT...

THEY'RE HAVING
ME REROUTE A LOT
OF YOUR OUTPUT...

DOCTOR COSSACK
...ARE YOU OKAY
WITH THIS?



LIGHT LABS...

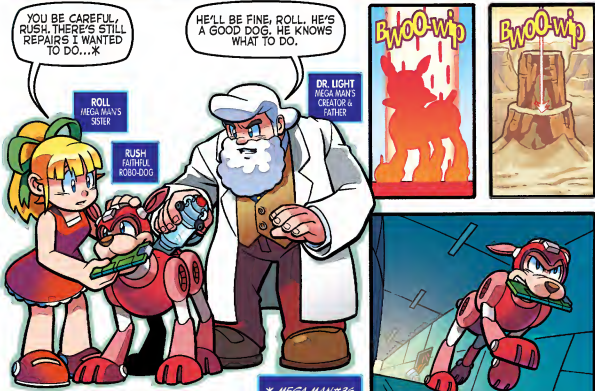
IT IS...
FOR THE
GREATER
GOOD.

YES, YES--
QUIET! MIKHAIL!
I'M WORKING!

NOW--REMOVE THE
SAFETY BLOCK ON
CIRCUIT BOARD CBN-R02.
YOU'LL FIND THAT RIGHT
NEXT TO THE AMP
MODULATOR...

DR. WILY
"REFORMED"
MAD SCIENTIST

DR. COSSACK
CREATOR OF
PARADOX MAN
& BRIGHT MAN



YOU BE CAREFUL,
RUSH. THERE'S STILL
REPAIRS I WANTED
TO DO...*

HE'LL BE FINE, ROLL. HE'S
A GOOD DOG. HE KNOWS
WHAT TO DO.

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S
SISTER

RUSH
FAITHFUL
ROBO-DOG

DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S
CREATOR &
FATHER

*.MEGA.MAN#36.



RUSH!
GET BACK!
IT'S ABOUT
TO--!



THE WILY WALKER
IS GOING TO
DESTROY PHARAOH
MAN!

DONE! BRIGHT
MAN--FULL POWER!

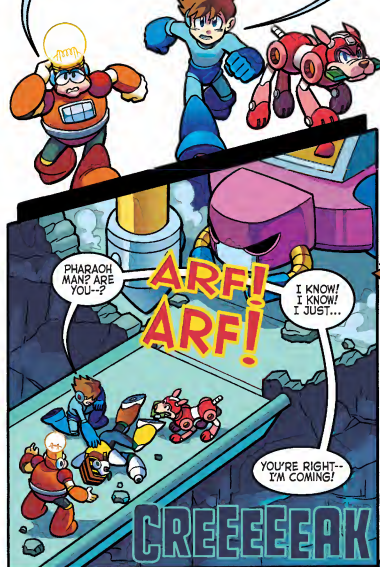
FWASH!

FLASH
STOPPER

SYSTEM FAILURE

D-DID I
DO THAT
...?

HANG
ON, PHARAOH
MAN!



PHARAOH
MAN? ARE
YOU--?

**ARF!
ARF!**

I KNOW!
I KNOW!
I JUST...

YOU'RE RIGHT--
I'M COMING!

CREEEEAAK



I'M ATTACHING THE DIS-
ABLER TO THE WIRING FROM
ACCESS PANEL EIGHTEEN.
IS THAT RIGHT, DR. WILY?

...DR. WILY?! HURRY,
BEFORE IT COMES
BACK ONLINE!

YES!

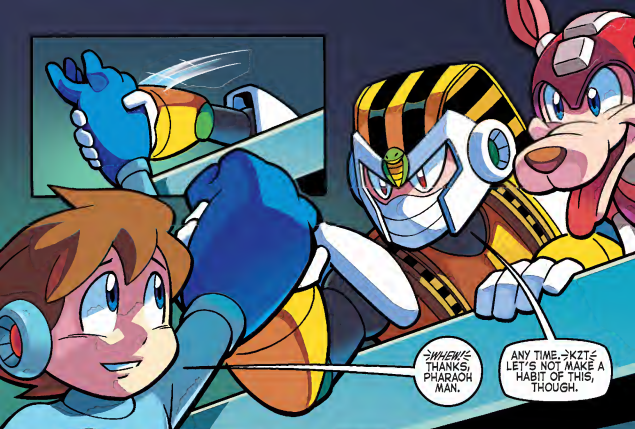
CREEEEAAK



WHOA!

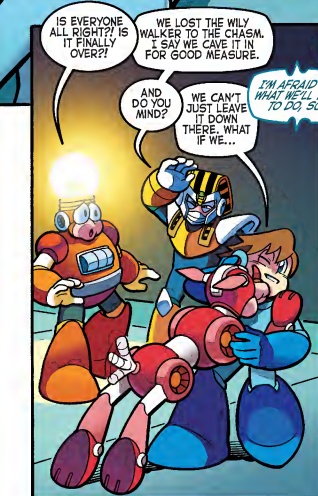
CREEEEAAK!





WHEN!
THANKS,
PHARAOH
MAN.

ANY TIME. SKZT!
LET'S NOT MAKE A
HABIT OF THIS,
THOUGH.



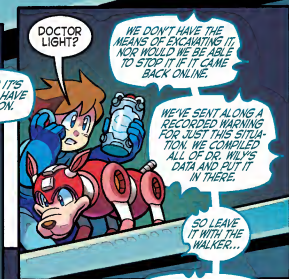
IS EVERYONE
ALL RIGHT?! IS
IT FINALLY
OVER?!

WE LOST THE WILY
WALKER TO THE CHASM.
I SAY WE CAVE IT IN
FOR GOOD MEASURE.

AND
DO YOU
MIND?

WE CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
IT DOWN
THERE. WHAT
IF WE...

I'M AFRAID IT'S
WHAT WE'LL HAVE
TO DO, SON.



DOCTOR
LIGHT?

WE DON'T HAVE THE
MEANS OF EXCAVATING IT,
NOR WOULD WE BE ABLE
TO STOP IT IF IT CAME
BACK ONLINE.

WE'VE SENT ALONG A
RECORDED WARNING
FOR JUST THIS SITUATION.
WE COMPILED
ALL OF DR. WILY'S
DATA AND PUT IT
IN THERE.

SO LEAVE
IT WITH THE
WALKER...



...AND LET'S HOPE
FUTURE GENERATIONS
WILL HAVE THE TECH-
NOLOGY TO FINISH THE
JOB WE BEGAN.

MEANWHILE--
AT THE CHRONOS
INSTITUTE...

WHERE
DID HE
GO?!

Y-YOU'VE BEEN S-SHOT!

YEAH, IT'S NOW PART
OF MY COLLECTION.
WHERE DID XANDER
FAVNE GO?

ROSLYN
KRANTZ
FEDERAL
AGENT

GIL D. STERN
FEDERAL AGENT

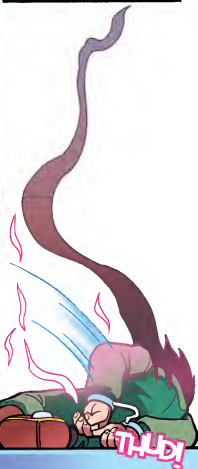
DR. SHOU KOVIN
TIME RESEARCHER

IT'S NOT SO MUCH A
MATTER OF "WHERE" AS
MUCH AS "WHEN"! HE
JUMPED DIRECTLY INTO
AN UNTESTED, UNREGU-
LATED TIME-FIELD!

~~SIGH~~ I'M
GETTING TOO OLD
FOR THIS SCI-FI
GARBAGE...

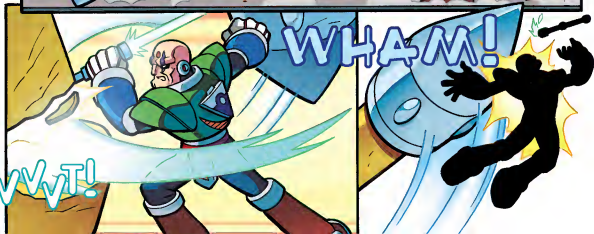


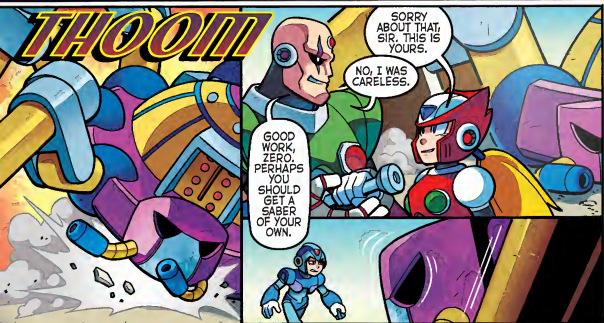
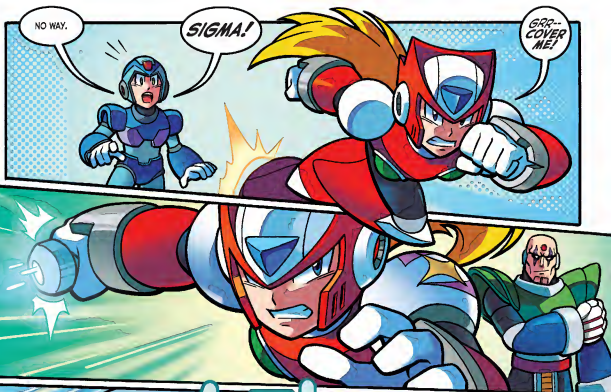
OKAY, SO...*TIME TRAVEL*.
IS THERE ANY WAY TO TRACK
WHERE--SORRY--*WHEN* HE
WENT? ANY WAY TO FORCE
HIM BACK? WHAT ARE OUR
OP--

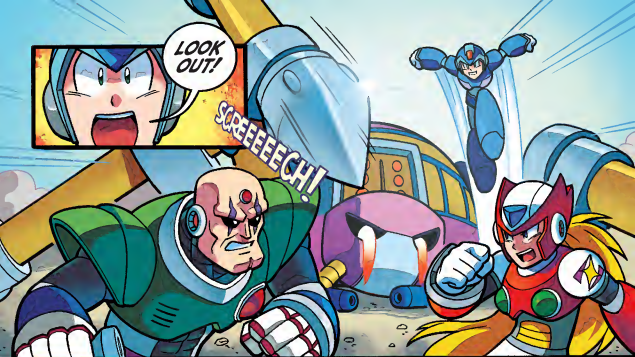


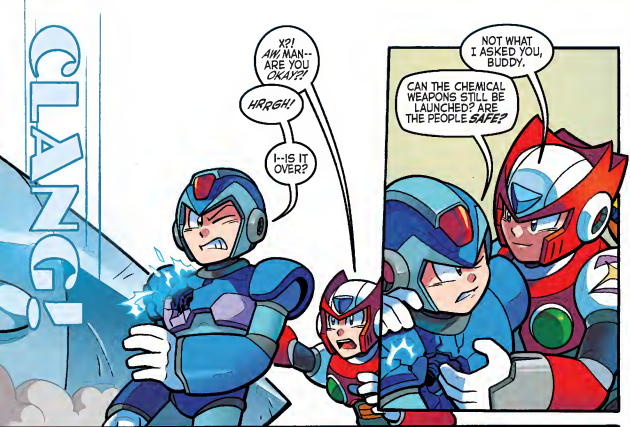


BADLANDS,
YEAR 2111...









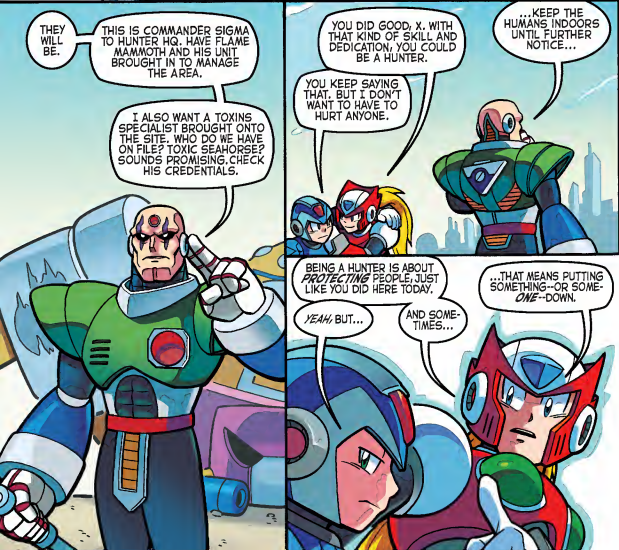
X?!
AW, MAN--
ARE YOU
OKAY?!

HRRGH!

I--IS IT
OVER?

NOT WHAT
I ASKED YOU,
BUDDY.

CAN THE CHEMICAL
WEAPONS STILL BE
LAUNCHED? ARE
THE PEOPLE *SAFE*?



THEY
WILL
BE.

THIS IS COMMANDER SIGMA
TO HUNTER HQ. HAVE FLAME
MAMMOTH AND HIS UNIT
BROUGHT IN TO MANAGE
THE AREA.

I ALSO WANT A TOXINS
SPECIALIST BROUGHT ONTO
THE SITE. WHO DO WE HAVE
ON FILE? TOXIC SEAHORSE?
SOUNDS PROMISING. CHECK
HIS CREDENTIALS.

YOU DID GOOD, X. WITH
THAT KIND OF SKILL AND
DEDICATION, YOU COULD
BE A HUNTER.

YOU KEEP SAYING
THAT. BUT I DON'T
WANT TO HAVE TO
HURT ANYONE.

...KEEP THE
HUMANS INDOORS
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE...

BEING A HUNTER IS ABOUT
PROTECTING PEOPLE, JUST
LIKE YOU DID HERE TODAY.

YEAH, BUT...

AND SOME-
TIMES...

...THAT MEANS PUTTING
SOMETHING--OR SOME-
ONE--DOWN.



X! ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT? WAS THE
DATA I FOUND--

DR. CAIN
ARCHAEOLOGIST &
CREATOR OF THE
REPLOIDS

--USEFUL?

WEAPON OR NOT,
IT PAINS ME TO SEE A
RELIC DESTROYED...

DOCTOR CAIN! YOU
REALLY SHOULDN'T BE
HERE! THE CHEMICAL
WEAPONS--!

WILL BE
NEUTRALIZED, AND
CLEAN-UP WILL
BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

BUT...

UNDER *MY* SUPER-
VISION, YOU'VE
DONE MORE THAN
ENOUGH, X.

YOU WORRY MORE THAN THE
REST OF THE REPLOID RACE
COMBINED. C'MON, LET'S GET
YOU PATCHED UP.

ALL RIGHT,
ALL RIGHT...

Bwoo-wip
Bwoo-wip



SO, ZERO SEEMS TO BE PERFORMING WELL. NO SIGNS OF HIS...PAST BEHAVIOR?

ASIDE FROM SKILL IN COMBAT, NONE WHATSOEVER.

MMM. THEN PERHAPS HE'S TRULY FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING AFTER ALL.



WHICH LEAVES HIM INCOMPLETE.

I PREFER TO THINK OF IT AS A SECOND CHANCE. SO FEW GET SUCH A GIFT.



HE'S ON A VIRTUOUS PATH NOW. SO LONG AS HE STAYS ON IT, HE SHOULD BE FINE.

AND X IS NO LESS A MYSTERY. BOTH OF THEM SO FULL OF POTENTIAL. I WONDER, DEAR CREATOR, IF THE MAN WHO BUILT X...



"...HAD ANY IDEA HOW HE'D
INFLUENCE THE FUTURE?"



SERIOUSLY,
GUYS...I'VE BEEN
THROUGH WORSE!

SHUSH! YOU NEED TO BE IN
PERFECT CONDITION IF THOSE
ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS
SHOW UP!*K

*.MM.#36.

HOW
BAD IS
IT?

NOTHING I
CANNOT FIX.

AGAIN-VERY, VERY
VERY SORRY ABOUT
THAT! I GUESS I
DON'T KNOW MY
OWN STRENGTH...?

QUITE SO!
I MUST SAY, MIKHAIL, YOU'VE
GOT SOME ROBUST DESIGNS! JUST
IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD BUILD
TOGETHER!

OOP!
TELEPHONE,
DOCTOR
LIGHT!

RING
RING

INDEED. MAYBE NEXT
TIME, WHEN YOU NEED
SAVING FROM YOUR
OWN HUBRIS?



"WHAT WAS I... OH! ONE
LAST THING REAL QUICK!

"YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO
KNOW WE APPREHENDED
XANDER PAYNE.

"HE WON'T BE
BOOTHERING ANY-
ONE FOR A LONG
TIME."

GUARD! YO--
GUARD!

YOU LOCKED ME UP
WITH A LUNATIC! HE'S
GOT A SHIV! GET HIM
OUTTA HERE!

SCRITCH-
SCRITCH

I'LL BE OUT
SOON ENOUGH. I
CROSSED OVER
ONCE, I'LL DO IT
AGAIN.

IT'S FATE. IT'S
DESTINY. A LOOP.
THE HANDS GO
AROUND THE
CLOCK, BUT THEY
NEVER REALLY
GET ANYWHERE.

SCRITCH-
SCRITCH



YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL SEE,
JUST LIKE I HAVE! AND THEN
I'LL FIND A WAY TO SAVE US
ALL! NO MATTER HOW MANY
LIVES IT TAKES!

HAS XANDER LOST IT,
OR HAS HE FORESEEN WORLDS COLLIDING?
NEXT TIME: MEGA MAN GOES ON THE HUNT FOR THE
ROGUE ROBOT MASTERS!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

**DAWN
OF X**

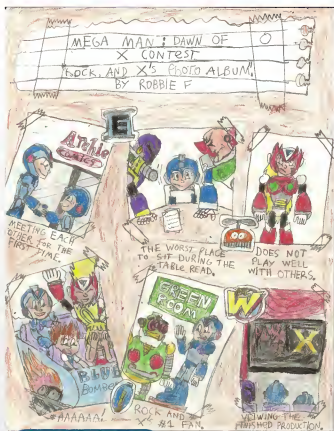
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